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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-318771, which was published on November 16, 2001, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the Japanese patent document is enclosed herewith and has been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned patent application:

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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/245,689 to KAMATA, entitled "Multifunctional Machine," which was filed on September 18, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned patent application is enclosed herewith. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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